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### **SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:**

Keeping track of registered sex offenders in local neighborhoods just became a lot easier thanks to a new program launched by the Placer County Sheriff's Department this week.

Offender Watch, the first program of its kind in northern California, is a proactive system that notifies residents when a registered sex offender moves into their neighborhood. Residents no longer have to check for offenders online, they simply go to [www.placer.ca.gov/sheriff](http://www.placer.ca.gov/sheriff) or [www.sheriffscouncil.com](http://www.sheriffscouncil.com) and click on "Offender Watch" to see where registered offenders and predators live within a one-mile radius of the address selected.

One of Offender Watch's best features is the e-mail alert. At no cost, citizens can sign up to receive an e-mail alert advising of sexual offenders and predators who have moved into their area.

Offender Watch was funded by the Placer County Sheriff's Council, a group of concerned citizens dedicated to filling the gap between the county's increasing needs for law enforcement and limited county funds.

**MEDIA NOTICE:** The first Offender Watch demonstration will be held Thursday, October 12 at an invitation-only event celebrating the Placer County Sheriff Council's first anniversary. The event is being held at Ceronix, 13350 New Airport Road, Auburn, from 6-9 p.m. A buffet dinner will be available, so please leave a message with your name and affiliated media outlet at (916) 300-8890 if you'd like to attend.